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Letter dated 8 February 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 34 of the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 20 July 2000 (S/2000/718), in which the Secretary-General expressed the intention to appoint a senior official to be based in Beirut to help to coordinate United Nations activities with regard to southern Lebanon. I also have the honour to refer to two letters to the President of the Security Council dated 29 March 2005 (S/2005/216) and 17 November 2005 (S/2005/725), which respectively expressed the Secretary-General's intention to appoint Geir Pedersen to this position and subsequently changed the title of the post to Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for Lebanon.

It is my intention to now appoint Geir Pedersen as my Special Coordinator for Lebanon. In this capacity, he will be my representative in Lebanon responsible for coordinating the work of the United Nations in the country and representing me on all political aspects of the United Nations work there. Among other functions, the Special Coordinator for Lebanon will ensure that the activities of the United Nations country team in Lebanon are well coordinated with the Government of Lebanon, donors and international financial institutions in line with the overall objectives of the United Nations in Lebanon.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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